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1. US to recognize Bao Dai--The Department of State has informed US Consul General Saigon that after consultation with the French High Commissioner and immediately following British recognition of Vietnam and neighboring Laos and Cambodia, he is to present messages from the President of the United States to Bao Dai, the Emperor of Vietnam, and to the Kings of Laos and Cambodia, extending recognition to their states as independent members of the French Union. The US notes will invite an early exchange of diplomatic representatives; Consul General Saigon is advised that the US plans to establish a Legation at Saigon as soon as possible with a single Minister accredited to the three states.

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